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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**Int. Cl. <sup>7</sup>: A61B 17/20, A61N 1/05

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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DWPI: catheter, heli, coil, spiral, screw, fasten, fix, attach, engag, connect, secur, anchor, coupl, tether, tying, hook, needl, stylet, wire, pin, electrod, deploy, exten, retract, withdraw, mov, push, telescop, coax.

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6358247 B1 (ALTMAN et al) 19 March 2002 Abstract, Fig. 1-10b, column 5 line 17 - column 16 line 25	1-88
Y	US 6102887 A (ALTMAN) 15 August 2000 Abstract, Fig. 1-6, column 3 line 65 - column 8 line 57	1-88
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A	WO 96/07360 A1 (MEDTRONIC, INC.) 14 March 1996 Abstract, Fig. 1-10, page 2 line 8 - page 14 line 11.	1-88
A	EP 536096 B2 (BARD S.p.A.) 3 May 2000 Fig. 1,2, column 1 line 2 - column 3 line 57.	1-88

